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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

## Statement from Fire Chief, Brian Cummings

Effective November 1, 2013 the Mayor will be appointing an Interim Fire Chief. Following a period of transition, I will retire from the Los Angeles Fire Department.

Serving those who, live, work and play in Los Angeles is an extremely rewarding experience. It is a profound honor to work with and lead you incredible men and women of the LAFD. Every day, responding to over 1,100 calls for service, you make a positive difference in the lives of so many Angelinos. LAFD employees and volunteers have risen to the multiple challenges of increased workload, decreased funding, staff reductions, fewer apparatus and aging equipment. All the while, you continue to provide world class public safety, save lives and protect property. I could not be more proud of what you accomplish each day.

I remain committed to the on-going success of this great Department. I will retire confident that Los Angeles' strong support of Public Safety and the Los Angeles Fire Department will afford the continued provision of service befitting the City of Angels. Be well and be safe.

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